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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 are canceled.

- 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for generating a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a <u>human</u> host, comprising, administering to the host a <u>sufficient amount of PSA</u> or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof <u>in a sufficient amount to generate a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response</u> and an effective amount of a cytokine.
- 19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 18, wherein the host is administered a boosting amount of PSA by introducing A method for generating a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a human host, comprising, administering to the host a sufficient amount of PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof, to generate a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response and an effective amount of a co-stimulatory molecule, wherein at least one periodic interval thereafter, a pox virus vector is administered to the host having at least one insertion site, wherein the vector containsing a DNA segment encoding PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof operably linked to a promoter capable of expression in the host.
- 20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 19, wherein the pox virus is selected from the group of pox viruses consisting of suipox, avipox, and capripox virus.

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- 21. (CANCELED)
- 22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 20, wherein the avipox is fowlpox, canary pox or pigeon pox.
- 23. (CANCELLED) The method of claim 20, wherein the suipox is swinepox.
- 24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 or 18, wherein the PSA or T-cell eliciting epitope is formulated with an adjuvant or is in a liposomal formulation.
- 25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 24 or 35, wherein the adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of RIBI Detox, QS21 and incomplete Freund's adjuvant.
- 26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 or 18, wherein the cytokine is selected from the group consisting of IL-2, IL-6 or IL-12.
- 27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 or 18 or 35, wherein the costimulatory molecule is selected from the group consisting of B7.1 or B7.2.
- 28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 18 or 35, further comprising administering to the host additional cytokine or co-stimulatory molecule.
- 29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 18-19, wherein the pox virus vector further contains a DNA encoding a cytokine or co-stimulatory molecule.
- 30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein the host is initially administered the PSA or cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof by introducing a pox virus vector to the host having at least one insertion site containing a DNA segment encoding PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof operably linked to a promoter capable of expression in the host, wherein the pox virus vector is from a genus other than the pox virus vector administered thereafter.
- 31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 30, wherein the pox virus <u>initially</u> administered is selected from the group of pox viruses consisting of suipox, avipox, capripox and orthopox.

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32-33. (CANCELED)

- 34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 33 30, wherein the <u>pox virus initially</u> administered is vaccinia and the boosting amount of PSA is administered by introducing an avipox.
- 35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for generating a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a <u>human</u> host, comprising, contacting the host with a sufficient amount of PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof and an effective amount of a co-stimulatory molecule <u>to generate a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response</u>, wherein the PSA or T-cell eliciting epitope is formulated with an adjuvant or is in a liposomal formulation.
- 36. (NEW) The method of claim 34, wherein the avipox is fowlpox.